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10 **BEFORE THE**
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY BOARD
11 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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13 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. II 2007 73

14 HEIDI LIN CORDINA, S.P.
5980 Dandridge Lane #224
San Diego, CA 92115

A C C U S A T I O N

15 Speech Language Pathology License No. SP
16 11555

17 Respondent.

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19 Complainant alleges:

20 PARTIES

21 1. Annemarie Del Mugnaio (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in
22 her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
23 Board, Department of Consumer Affairs.

24 2. On or about January 27, 2000, the Speech-Language Pathology and
25 Audiology Board issued Speech Language Pathology License Number SP 11555 to HEIDI LIN
26 CORDINA, S.P. (Respondent). The Speech Language Pathology License was in full force and
27 effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on May 31, 2009, unless
28 renewed.

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1 6. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1399.156, states:

2 “Unprofessional conduct as set forth in Section 2533 of the code includes, but is
3 not limited to the following:

4 “(a) Violating or conspiring to violate or aiding or abetting any person to violate
5 the provisions of the [Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists Licensure] Act or
6 these regulations.

7 “....”

8 7. Section 125.3 of the Code states, in pertinent part, that the Board may
9 request the administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or
10 violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation
11 and enforcement of the case.

12 FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

13 (Conviction of a Crimes Substantially Related)

14 8. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2531.5 and 2533
15 of the Code, and Title 16, section 1399.156, subdivision (a), of the California Code of
16 Regulations, as defined by section 2533, subdivision (a), of the Code, in that she has been
17 convicted of crimes substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a
18 speech-language pathologist or audiologist. The circumstances are as follows:

19 The March 19, 2004 Conviction

20 a. On or about November 26, 2003, the San Diego Police Department
21 received a dispatch to investigate a fight between a female and male passenger in the back of a
22 taxi cab at 6300 La Jolla Boulevard. The Police Officers determined that respondent had
23 punched her boyfriend in the face and scratched his arms following a verbal disagreement in the
24 back seat of the taxi cab. Upon exiting the taxi cab, respondent dragged her boyfriend to the
25 ground and scratched his face. Respondent was arrested for a violation of Penal Code section 243
26 (E)(1) [Battery on a spouse, a person with whom the defendant is cohabiting, a person who is the
27 parent of the defendant's child, former spouse, fiancé, or fiancée, or a person with whom the
28 defendant currently has, or has previously had, a dating or engagement relationship].

1 Thereinafter, in the case entitled *People of the State of California v. Heidi Lin*
2 *Cordina*, San Diego County Superior Court Case No.M909876DV, a criminal complaint was
3 filed by the San Diego City Attorney's Office, charging respondent with two counts of battery in
4 violation of Penal Code section 242-243(E)(1), one count of simple battery in violation of Penal
5 Code section 242-243(a) and one count of vandalism in violation of Penal Code section 594(a)-
6 594B2.

7 b. On or about March 19, 2004, pursuant to a plea agreement, respondent
8 pled guilty to one count of violating Penal Code section 242-243(a) as a lesser included offense
9 of count two for simple battery. The other charges were dismissed against respondent.
10 Respondent was ordered to pay a fine of \$320.00, serve three (3) years summary probation,
11 attended anger management counseling, stay away from victim, and perform fifteen (15) days
12 public service work.

13 The March 18, 2008 Conviction

14 c. On or about November 15, 2007, respondent was arrested for violations of
15 Vehicle Code section 2800.2 (a) [eluding a pursuing peace officer in violation of Section 2800.1
16 in a vehicle with willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property], Vehicle Code
17 section 23152 (a) [driving under the influence of alcohol], and Vehicle Code section 23152 (b)
18 [driving with a blood alcohol level of .08 or higher].

19 Thereafter, in the case entitled *People of the State of California v. Heidi Lin Cordina*, San
20 Diego County Superior Court Case No. M036499, a criminal complaint was filed by the San
21 Diego City Attorney's Office, charging respondent with violations of Vehicle Code section
22 2800.2 (a) [eluding a pursuing peace officer in violation of Section 2800.1 in a vehicle with
23 willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property], Vehicle Code section 23152 (a)
24 [driving under the influence of alcohol] with one prior conviction, and Vehicle Code section
25 23152 (b) [driving with a blood alcohol level of .08 or higher] with one prior conviction.

26 d. On or about March 18, 2008, pursuant to a plea agreement, respondent
27 pled no contest to one count of violating Vehicle Code section 23152 (b), driving with a blood
28 alcohol level of .08 or greater with one prior conviction. The other charges were dismissed

1 against respondent. Respondent was sentenced to five years summary probation, ninety-six
2 hours in jail, twenty (20) days public service work, and ordered to pay all fines and restitution to
3 the court.

4 SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

5 (Convictions Involving a Dangerous Drug or Alcohol)

6 9. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under sections 2531.5
7 and 2533, as defined by section 2533, subdivision (c)(2), of the Code, and Title 16, section
8 1399.156, subdivision (a), of the California Code of Regulations, in that respondent has been
9 convicted of a crime involving the use of any of the dangerous drugs specified in Section 4022,
10 or of alcoholic beverages, to the extent, or in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to the
11 licensee, to any other person, or to the public, or to the extent that the use impairs the ability of
12 the licensee to practice speech-language pathology or audiology safely. The circumstances of the
13 convictions are described in paragraph 8, above, which is incorporated by reference as if fully set
14 forth herein.

15 THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

16 (Other acts that have endangered the health, welfare and safety of the public)

17 10. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 2531.5 and
18 2533, as defined by section 2533, subdivision (g), of the Code, and Title 16, section 1399.156,
19 subdivision (a), of the California Code of Regulations, in that respondent has committed acts that
20 have endangered or are likely to endanger the health, welfare, and safety of the public. The
21 circumstances of the acts are described in paragraph 8, above, which is incorporated by reference
22 as if fully set forth herein.

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1 PRAYER

2 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein
3 alleged, and that following the hearing, the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board
4 issue a decision:

5 1. Revoking or suspending Speech Language Pathology License Number SP
6 11555, issued to HEIDI LIN CORDINA, S.P.

7 2. Ordering HEIDI LIN CORDINA, S.P. to pay the Speech-Language
8 Pathology and Audiology Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this
9 case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3; and

10 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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12 DATED: January 6, 2009

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15 ANNEMARIE DEL MUGNAIO
16 Executive Officer
17 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board
18 Department of Consumer Affairs
19 State of California
20 Complainant

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